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PERSONAL AND LOCAL MENTIONS

Items of Local Interest in and Around Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, and Patterson Mills

J. W. Brown attended the Emporia Fair yesterday.

J. W. Taylor and family motored to Emporia on last Friday.

J. E. Welch was at Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch, Sr.

Miss Marie Rice, of Greenville, N. C., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. G. Tilton.

Capt. T. W. Mason, of Garysburg, was a visitor here this week.

Just received a large shipment of dry goods and notions. Let us show you. R. E. Shell Company, Advt.

"Correct Shape" shoes are worn by over five million men. Why not you? Try them today. R. E. Shell Company, Advt.

J. E. Brown spent Tuesday in Raleigh on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. J. Wheelers, of Eden, N. C., are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams.

J. H. King spent Wednesday in Emporia on business.

W. C. Dickson of Aurden Springs, spent Sunday evening with friends here.

Monroe Jenkins attended the Emporia Fair Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Armstead of Petersburg, Va., was in town on business a few hours Tuesday.

Judge J. M. Mullen of Petersburg, Va., is here visiting his son, Mr. T. W. Mullen.

J. C. Batts, of Garysburg, was a visitor in town Saturday evening.

T. E. Edmondson spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Hobgood.

C. R. Barkley spent Tuesday in Petersburg, Va.

Messrs. Johnnie Jenkins, Troy Cannon, Hal Ross, Joe Green and Henry Cullom motored to Emporia, Wednesday, where they attended the Fair which is being held there this week.

Mr. James McGee of Haw River, N. C., arrived Friday and spent two or three days here visiting friends.

Mrs. John Powell and little daughter of Hampton, Va., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. M. Jenkins, returned home last Saturday.

J. U. Loftin left Monday for his old home in Troy, N. C., where he expects to be a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. I. Jones of Scotland Neck, spent Friday here with her husband, Mr. R. I. Jones who is connected with the Alston Furniture Co.

Rev. Wm. Tove of the M. E. Church who has been preaching in the Rosemary M. E. Church in a protracted series of meetings, closed the services Wednesday night. Rev. Mr. Tove has preached some able and interesting sermons during this meeting, and we believe much good has been accomplished.

The organization of the Roanoke Rapids Cotton Storage Warehouse Company has now been completed. S. F. Patterson is President, W. S. Farrier, of Henderson, Vice President, C. A. Wachs, Manager, J. M. Jackson, Cashier. They expect to begin business in the near future.

The Rosemary Opera House is exhibiting Paramount films on every Thursday night. These films are staged by practically an all star cast and no better are shown anywhere in the United States. Rosemary is to be congratulated upon the enterprise of her theatre management.

Mrs. G. L. Hayes, Sr., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hayes, Jr., has returned to her home at Palmer Springs, Va.

BOARD OF TRADE'S MEETING WELL ATTENDED

New Business Enterprises Discussed and Investigation of Seaboard's Unsatisfactory Service Ordered

The meeting of the Board of Trade of Roanoke Rapids Township, held on last Monday night in the old Opera House, was well attended, in comparison with previous meetings, and in spite of the business depression prevalent over the country at this time was a very vigorous and enthusiastic one.

President W. F. Horner called the meeting to order and Secretary M. M. Faison kept the minutes of the meeting and dispensed the cigars, which was a very attractive feature of the occasion.

Questions about getting new business enterprises to locate in this community were taken up and discussed at length. A laundry and dry cleaning plant were under discussion for some time and were ordered tabled.

W. L. Long suggested that the Board of Trade try to get some of the national league teams to play an exhibition game of baseball here early in the spring. The community has the best baseball grounds in this section of the State and the idea met with instant approval. S. J. Bonds and J. T. Standback were appointed a committee to investigate this matter, find out what the guaranteed gate receipts would have to be and report.

Dr. T. W. M. Long's suggestion that the Board of Trade could very probably get an oil tank station here was discussed and it was stated that steps had already been taken in this matter.

The question of a salubrious hotel for Roanoke Rapids was taken up and discussed. J. T. Chase stated that the Roanoke Rapids Power Company would furnish lots suitably located for a hotel to cost not less than \$15,000.00 and take stock in the Hotel Company to the extent of the value of the lot. After considerable discussion, J. T. Chase, Dr. T. W. M. Long and M. McRae Faison were appointed a committee to look into this matter and report if the necessary stock subscription could be raised.

The sidewalk between Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids was discussed and the men in charge of that project reported unfavorably. They stated that in spite of the Roanoke Rapids Power Company's offer to donate 20% of the cost of constructing the sidewalks, the necessary funds could not be raised. The matter was dropped.

W. F. Horner stated that negotiations were now under way with the Warehouse Bakery in Henderson, N. C., in regard to establishing a branch bakery in Roanoke Rapids, and that Mr. Whitmore would come here at an early date to look over the ground.

An "Acquaintance Picnic" to be given by the business men of the community to this end of Halifax and Northampton counties was discussed. It was the consensus of opinion that the fall was too far advanced for such a picnic and the matter will be brought up again and considered next spring.

R. L. Tove was appointed chairman present for the Board of Trade to thank the State judges with news report of interest from this community. The committee appointed to investigate the matters of building a free bridge over Roanoke river at Roanoke Rapids, asked for an extension of time and were ordered to make their report at the next meeting.

J. T. Chase, M. McRae Faison, and W. L. Long were appointed a committee to formulate an appropriate slogan for the Board of Trade and town of Roanoke Rapids.

It was moved and carried that the Board of Trade extend a vote of thanks to Chief Daniel for his "blind tiger" activities, coupled with a request that he continue the work until he has secured evidence enough to convict the ring leaders in the liquor traffic in this community.

The unsatisfactory service being rendered shippers at Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids by the Seaboard Air Line Railway was discussed at length. Criticism of this service was made by many members of the Board and a motion was carried to appoint a committee to investigate conditions at Roanoke Junction and also at the freight depot at Roanoke Rapids and prepare a petition in regard to same to the State Corporation Commission at Raleigh. J. W. House and J. W. Taylor were appointed on this committee.

On motion all the preachers in the community were elected Honorary Members of the Board of Trade.

Mrs. Beckwith Entertains

The Presbyterian Aid Society had a most delightful meeting at Mrs. Beckwith's Tuesday evening Oct. 20. All kinds of pretty things are coming in for the banner, bureau scarfs, caps, embroidered towels and other useful things for Christmas gifts.

Plans are being discussed for a Hallucen Society at Captain McMorris, Nov. 2nd. It will be held at 7:30 p. m. and all our friends to meet Rev. H. F. Morton and his family.

The President urged all members of the society to attend Sunday School and help in all branches of the church. The ladies contributed for a food sale to be held at Roanoke Rapids, next to the new bank building, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24th.

There are 29 members and over two is busy preparing for the Anniversary of the Society, Nov. 18. Mrs. Beckwith served delightful refreshments. The society repeated the motto and adjourned to meet, Nov. 2nd with Mrs. J. G. Batts.

Installation of Presbyterian Pastor

A commission from Albemarle Presbytery composed of Dr. W. D. Morton, of Rocky Mount, N. C., and Elder Samuel Watkins, of Henderson, N. C., will install Rev. H. F. Morton as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Roanoke Rapids. This service is a very interesting and instructive one and a cordial invitation is extended to every one to be present.

Dr. Morton will preach the installation sermon in the Rosemary Opera House at 11:15 a. m. Sunday and will charge the pastor Elfre Watkins will charge the congregation.

The Evening service will be at 7:30 p. m. at the Peoples Theatre at Roanoke Rapids, and Dr. Morton will preach.

Special music has been arranged for these services; a number of excellent voices will lead the congregation in song and with an orchestra accompaniment. Mrs. Pat Davis, of Memphis, Tenn., will render a solo and Mrs. Davis and Mr. W. L. Manning, of Rosemary, will render a duet.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH WORK

New Lines of Endeavor Opened

On Third Sunday afternoon there were one hundred and thirty two pupils, four teachers, four officers, and ten visitors present at Rosemary Christian Sunday School. They meet at two-thirty every Sunday and a cordial welcome is extended to all. The school is planning to have some exercises on Christmas night to which all will be invited. Miss Annie Williams is arranging the program.

A Christian Endeavor Society was organized the purpose of which is to help raise funds for building the church. The fee is ten cents per month and as much more as anyone feels disposed to give. All are invited to join, and especially the members of the church.

The pastor of the Rosemary Christian Church filled his regular appointment on last Sunday at the Opera House. A large crowd was present at both morning and evening services. The morning subject was simply a report of the International Convention of the Christian Church held in Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 7. The evening subject was: "Paul's Last Charge to Timothy."

A cradle roll has been started and it is expected much good will be accomplished in this department. — Reported.

The Friends Of The Farmer

The plan of the Saint Louis banker to assist the cotton farmers of the South is a further indication of the nation-wide interest which is being manifested in the problems of the men who follow the plow.

The movement is not intended as a plan for purchasing cotton, but is designed rather to make available a fund of \$150,000,000 to loan on cotton at not to exceed six cents per pound for the purpose of making cotton a liquid asset, stabilizing its price and bringing about normal conditions again.

It has been said that it takes great calamities to develop our friends and the present crisis is proof positive that the farmer has friends in every line of industry who are willing to share his misfortunes and lighten his burdens. Strong men are strong only as they co-operate with other men, and the spirit of friendliness on the part of the business man towards the farmer augurs well for the future of the agricultural interests of the nation.

Game Laws of Halifax County

The Game Laws of Halifax County read as follows:

Chapter 591 - Section 4 - That it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt game of any kind with gun, or dog, or trap in Halifax County, between the first day of March and the 15th day of November, except deer and fox. That it shall be unlawful to hunt deer in Halifax County between the first day of February and the 15th day of September. That any person violating the provision of this section of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

A reward of ten dollars (\$10.00) is offered to any person giving information that will lead to the conviction of any person or persons violating this act.

E. H. ROBERTSON, Game Warden for Roanoke Rapids Township.

Farm Facts

Agriculture needs all the great men it can get.

In union there is strength and in co-operation there is profit.

The farmer can neither help himself nor be helped by others until he organizes.

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem.

Our transportation systems are the dray carts of agriculture and can be made capable peddlers of farm products.

The middleman is nothing more than a farm hand but he is able to fix his own wages and to collect them and to multiply his transactions as he pleases.

Bumper crops without market facilities have sent more farmers staggering down the back alleys of agriculture than all the pests and droughts that ever cursed the nation. — Peter Radford.

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Beer Business Buzzing

North Carolina bee-keepers have just completed gathering the 1914 honey crop. According to the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture, the yield per colony of bees was 35 pounds. In 1913 the production per hive was 25 pounds.

The increased production is said to be due to the enormous crop of wild flowers this season.

The latest census figures of the bee and honey industry of this State relate to 1910. That year there were 36,218 farms in North Carolina that kept bees and the total number of colonies was 139,178.

Beer To Pay Half The War Tax

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. The war revenue tax of approximately \$200,000,000 on the annual output of beer is agreeable to the brewers of this city, although the industry already pays a yearly internal revenue tax of \$10,000,000. The stamp tax on essential instruments, stocks and bonds, debts, bills of lading, passenger cars and steamship tickets and insurance policies is expected to yield \$20,000,000 and the remainder will be raised by a levy on tobacco, patent medicines, perfumes, cosmetics, theatre and amusement tickets, etc. The beer tax will yield a revenue more than ten times greater than that of any other single commodity.

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"Do not know cause of death, but patient fully recovered from last illness."

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